



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

To: Stormwater Management Commission
From: Kurt Woolford, Executive Director
Susan M. Novak, Capital Improvement Program Manager
Ernesto Huaracha, Water Resource Professional
Date: May 26, 2023
Subject: Funding Limit Waiver for DCEO Round 1 Wildwood Area Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements Project

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

In accordance with the DCEO-STOCIP Capital Program Policies and Procedures, SMC staff request approval of a Funding Limit Waiver for the DCEO Round 1 Wildwood Area Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements Project in (Unincorporated Grayslake) Warren Township, IL. Approval of this requested Funding Limit Waiver will not require a budget increase or emergency appropriation. Approval will allow staff to efficiently implement the much-needed stormwater improvements in the (Unincorporated Grayslake) Warren Township, IL.

On March 3, 2022, SMC authorized the SMC Chair and Executive Director to execute a Grant Agreement with DCEO for the Round 1 projects in the amount of \$30M for 14 projects including the stormwater improvements in (Unincorporated Grayslake) Warren Township.

Wildwood Area Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements: **This project was awarded \$2.75M in DCEO Round 1 funding.** Funding is for design, construction management and construction of storm sewer system upgrades and drainage system improvements along W Winnebago Drive in the Wildwood subdivision in (Unincorporated Grayslake) Warren Township extending from approximately Greentree Road to N Ivy Lane and along N Greentree Road and N Mill Road. The project will benefit more than 210 properties.

Funding Limit Waiver per DCEO-STOCIP Capital Program Policies and Procedures

SMC policy requires SMC staff to present Funding Limit Waiver requests to the Commission.

- Policy limits DCEO-STOCIP funding contributions to a maximum of \$2,750,000.00 (\$2,500,000.00 plus \$250,000.00 in contingency) per project.
- Policy allows future phases of previously eligible projects to be considered additional funding above the limit.
 - o The Dady Slough Outlet and Infrastructure Improvements, was awarded \$2.75M in DCEO Round 1 funding. This project will now be funded by a FEMA Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation (LPDM) Grant Program grant agreement No. LPDM-PJ-05-IL-2022-006.
- Per policy an eligible project with a significant impact and total cost either exceeding or under the Funding Limits, and no potential to scale the project or develop a viable outside funding source, may apply for a Funding Limit Waiver.
 - o The Wildwood Area Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements in the request for proposals sought a base bid and extended bid price to potentially scale the project to maximize available project funding.
 - o The recommended funding waiver is for the base bid items only. No extended bid services are recommended for additional funding.

- Contractor proposal costs received on 5/26/2023 were more than expected. Contractors at this time of year historically have bid higher costs than before the construction season started. Project timing was delayed to complete engineering design and permitting.
- The Wildwood Area Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements has significant benefit to (Unincorporated Grayslake) Warren Township.
- The Wildwood Area Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements has a dollar value per qualified bidder response received per the May 26, 2023, public bid opening.
- The Wildwood Area Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements Project is recommended by the Warren Township Highway Department.

Staff Recommendation

SMC staff concur that this project is a good candidate for a Funding Limit Waiver per the DCEO-STOCIP Policies and Procedures. The funding above the policy limit will be offset by the reduced funding needed for the Dady Slough Outlet and Infrastructure Improvements (covered by FEMA grant). SMC staff recommends funding the Base Bid items.

The Wildwood Area Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements is expected to start in June 2023 upon SMC construction contract approval.